source material used, these estimates are not comparable. Subject to these limitations, the following States had per capita income lower than the all-India per capita net national product during 1985-86 (As per pre-revised series of NAS).

Sl. No.	Name of State	Per capita net State domestic product at current prices for the year 1985-86
1	Andhra Pradesh . .	2184
2	Assam	2068
3	Bihar	1548
4	Himachal Pradesh . .	2542
5	Jammu & Kashmir .	2173
6	Karnataka . . .	2264
7	Kerala	2140
8	Madhya Pradesh . .	1960
9	Manipur . . .	2383
10	Meghalaya . . .	1981
11	Orissa	1954
12	Rajasthan . . .	2043
13	Tamil Nadu . . .	2353
14	Tripura . . .	2065
15	Uttar Pradesh . .	2003

(c) The Central Government have taken several steps to improve the position of such States. The important measures among these are given below.

(i) Transfer of resources from the Central Government to the State Governments for meeting their Plan expenditure according to a formula which is weighted in favour of the backward States whose per capita income is below the national average.

(ii) Devolution on non-plan resources in accordance with the award of the Eighth Finance Commission which favours the backward States and seeks to reduce disparity between the States in addition to covering the revenue gap.

(iii) Providing Special Central Assistance for the development of backward areas in the States such as, hill areas, desert areas, drought prone areas and also areas having concentration of tribal population.

(iv) Providing special incentives in the form of investment subsidy and concessional finance for accelerating the industrial development of the industrially backward regions in the States; and

(v) While making statewise allocation of resources under poverty alleviation programmes more emphasis is being given to the incidence of poverty during the 7th Plan as compared to that in 6th Plan. Thus the States with higher poverty ratio will get higher allocations of funds for these programmes.

Vacancies of Judges in Andhra Pradesh High Court

1605. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of vacancies of judges exist in the Andhra Pradesh High Court; if so, the number thereof and since when these are vacant; and

(b) by when these will be filled up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI HANS RAJ BHARDWAJ): (a) As on 7-3-88, there were 3 vacancies of permanent Judges and 2 vacancies of Additional Judges in the Andhra Pradesh High Court out of the sanctioned strength of 24 permanent Judges and 2 Additional

Judges. The permanent vacancies arose on 17-10-87, and 21.10.87, while the vacancies of Additional Judges arose on 26.11.82 & 29.11.82.

(b) Appointment of Judges in High Courts involves deliberation and consultation with the concerned constitutional authorities. It is not possible to indicate a definite time by when the vacancies in Andhra Pradesh High Court would be filled up.

Ban on overtime allowance in Government Departments

1606. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to impose a ban on overtime allowance in Government departments in view of the drought situation prevailing in the country; and

(b) if so, by when it is proposed to be implemented.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Government have accepted the recommendations of the IV Pay Commission's Report that overtime allowance may be discontinued. The modalities for implementing the decision are being worked out.

Instruction against use of Loud speaker in community centre

1607. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to issue any guidelines to NDMC refraining the use of loudspeakers in marriages arranged in the Community Centres in Laxmibai Nagar, New Delhi; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) No, Sir. Orders/guidelines already exist. The use of loudspeakers in any public place in the Union Territory of Delhi is regulated under the Union Territory of Delhi Loudspeakers (Licensing and Controlling) Regulations, 1980.

Seizure of weapons by IPKF

1608. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Peace Keeping Force in Sri Lanka seized large quantity of sophisticated weapons from the LTTE in Jaffna recently;

(b) if so, whether IPKF have identified the sources of receiving of weapons by the LTTE in the recent past; and

(c) whether any steps have been taken in this regard

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) Since the commencement of operations in Sri Lanka, the IPKF has recovered a large quantity of weapons, ammunition and explosives from the LTTE in Jaffna.

(b) The LTTE appear to have procured weapons from the clandestine international arms bazaar.

(c) Constant surveillance of the coast line in the Northern and Eastern Provinces of Sri Lanka is benig maintained.

Passport office at Srinagar

1609. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a passport office had been set up in Srinagar; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to shift the passport office to Jammu during the winter?